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## FRANCO SPIES HERE FIGHT UN ACTION

### To The United Nations:

The undersigned, Spanish citizens who happen to be in the United States temporarily, are much concerned with the press reports about the Spanish question now being discussed at the sessions of the United Nations.

We are astonished at the premises which are taken for granted and at the unjust accusations which are brought against our country. We recognize the possibility that the true and authentic voice of Spain might not be given a hearing. Therefore we believe that it is our duty to bring the following points to the attention of the United Nations:

- (e) For having kept Spain as a neutral, the leader deserves and has received the eternal gratitude of every Spaniard. The Allies, for their part, owe him at least their respect. In fact, both Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden have publicly expressed in the House of Commons their gratitude

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New York, November 16, 1946

Ad in 'New York Times' Saturday. The 'Times' has refused anti-fascist ads.

By Art Shields

A ring of Franco spies, headed by the aristocratic Conde (Count) de Ruisenada, which helped to sink American ships during the war, is operating in New York to prevent the United Nations from acting against the butchers of Madrid.

The ring, which used to operate under cover with Nazi submarine commanders, has come out in the open as Franco propagandists since the GOP election victory.

Last Saturday, for instance, the Count, joined 18 other Spanish citizens in hailing Franco as their "leader" in a three-column advertisement in the *New York Times*, and in praising Franco for collaborating with Hitler.

This is the first time that Franco's American agents have dared to boast publicly of the Franco-Hitler tie-up.

The spy ring clusters around Franco's steamship company, the Compania Transatlantica Espanola, of which the wealthy Spanish count is president.

The Count returned to New York only two weeks ago on one of his ships, the *Marquessa de Camillas*, breaking through an anti-fascist picket line at the docks.

The captain of the *Marquessa de Camillas*, E. Fana, a notorious Spanish fascist, is one of the signers of the Count's advertisement in the *Times*.

The ship, which will be picketed again at Pier 53, North River, next Saturday, is reported

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## WORLD EVENTS

# Labor Leader Flees from Chiang

SHANGHAI, Nov. 18 (UP).—Chu Hsueh-fan, chairman of the Chinese Association of Labor, has fled to Hong Kong because of government threats to arrest him if he failed to attend the current National Assembly session in Nanking, the newspaper Lien Ho Jih Pao charged today.

The newspaper quoted a letter from Chu in which the labor leader charged "continuous government attempt to break the unity of workers by forcing the CAL to openly demonstrate against communism."

"The government tried to force me to attend the non-democratic one-party national assembly which I deny is in any way representative of the wishes of the Chinese people," Chu was quoted.

"Not content with this, the government planned to arrest me immediately on false and trumped-up charges," the letter said.

Chu, formerly high in Kuomintang ranks, broke with Chiang Kai-shek early in the war with Japan, when the government used its manpower to blockade the Communists rather than fight the Japanese.

The Kuomintang has its own labor association, but the CAL is independent of Chiang and has been backed financially by the CIO and AFL. A few months ago the Chinese association's leaders were arrested in several cities and their headquarters and a hospital, built with American funds, were seized by government agents.

### Democratic League Boycotts Assembly

China's Democratic League refused to take part in Chiang Kai-shek's hand-picked National Assembly so long as Chiang continued to wage civil war, according to a document released here yesterday by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

The League charged the Assembly was called by the Kuomintang in violation of solemn agreements reached by all parties at the Political Consultative Council on Jan. 31. The Assembly was to be called not by one but by all parties and was not to be called until the National Government had been democratically reorganized.

This meant elimination of Chiang's one-man dictatorship and adoption

of a constitution where the parliament (Legislative Yuan) was to be elected directly, with the executive responsible to it, and the President and provincial governors also elected.

The Kuomintang's central committee violated its pledges and even gave notice it was under no obligation to stand by the agreed-upon constitutional amendments. It went ahead and called the current Assembly while its armies are apparently getting ready to attack Yen-an, center of the Communist-liberated areas.

## Big 4 Debate Last Trieste Item

The Big Four Foreign Ministers debated yesterday the remaining point of dispute over the future of Trieste—the question of delegating power to appoint or dismiss a police chief—with strong hope of breaking at last a months-long deadlock.

The Soviet Union wants the Trieste "Council of Government," or Zonal Cabinet, to have the power because the council is to be named by the Trieste Popular Assembly or Legislature.

The Popular Assembly is to be named by popular election.

### Romanian 'Peasants' Charged With Murder

A Romanian Government spokesman charged in London yesterday that the National Peasant Party has created "fascist-modelled guards to provoke disorders" at today's elections.

The National Peasants already have committed "a whole series of murders and assaults" against Government supporters, he said.

The government spokesman asserted that the elections will be the fairest in the history of Romania. Numerous precautions have been taken to guarantee the freedom of the vote as ordered by the Big Three Foreign Ministers, he said.



BEVIN  
On the Spot

### WORLD BRIEFS

**FRENCH COMMUNISTS** proposed an alliance to the Socialists, pointing out that with pro-democratic overseas deputies they could have "something like an absolute majority" in the new Assembly and a Communist Premier. A joint committee would direct affairs common to both parties. The Socialists put off their decision until their next national council meeting. In an interview reported by the New York Times, CP Secretary Maurice Thorez said: "The union of the working class and republican forces is the sure foundation of democracy. The French workers' party that we wish to create by a fusion of the Communists and the Socialists would be a guide toward this democracy, new and of the people. It would open its ranks to Roman Catholic workers, toward whom, long before the war, we had already stretched a hand that many of them had taken. There are also many French men and women who share our conception of the lay problem: that there should be no war against religion but an absolute neutrality of education with regard to religion."

**THREE EXPLOSIONS** of mines in Palestine since Sunday midnight killed five Britons and wounded 12. British troops marching through Tel Aviv to block off the explosion area were targets of sporadic shooting and stoning by the Jewish population. The police moved against the people and by noon at least a score of wounded Jews were admitted to hospitals.

**BRITISH PROSECUTORS** at the Rome trial of German Generals Von Mackensen and Maeltzer told how the Nazis had rounded up 10 victims for each of 32 German soldiers killed by the Italian underground and massacred them in the Ardeatine caves in March, 1944. The generals pleaded not guilty.

**AMERICAN OFFICIALS** in Shanghai are seeking to repurchase American-donated blood plasma from black market dealers, and Chiang Kai-shek has had to order an investigation.

**THE ARAB LEAGUE** unanimously recognized the independence of Indonesia. Secretary-General Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey said the "birth of a great nation in the far east is a good sign and marks the end of detestable colonization by European powers."

# Attlee Forces Confidence Vote on Foreign Policy

A rebel Laborite amendment criticizing the British government's foreign policy was defeated in the House of Commons yesterday 353-0. The rebels abstained from the vote, because it had been turned into a question of confidence in the Labor government as a whole. The Conservatives backed official Labor's policy.

R. H. S. Crossman, rebel Labor leader who moved the amendment, charged the British government was ganging up with the United States government against the Soviet Union.

"The death of President Roosevelt brought with it the disintegration of all progressive forces in America..." he said. "There is no cardinal progressive force left at present in America as an effective check on the administration..."

"Mr. Henry Wallace gave us a very clear warning of the imperialistic tendencies of certain groups close to the Administration. We have got to admit the fact that we are faced in America with very dangerous tendencies. We have got to admit that we must do all in our power to check and control those tendencies."

Crossman demanded that the government 1) Disavow the proposals put forward by Churchill in

his Fulton, Mo., speech; 2) Say whether it has agreed to standardization of arms and equipment with the American armed forces; 3) Say whether general staff talks are now going on between Britain and America.

Rebel Joseph Reeves asked Prime Minister Attlee to say that "so far as Russia is concerned this country is not prepared to go to war against her in any circumstances."

Conservative spokesman Capt. Harry Crookshank said: "The Foreign Secretary in New York is having a difficult time and should be supported by this House until such time as he is repudiated by this House."

Attlee, closing the debate for the government, called the Rebel amendment "misconceived, mistimed and based on a misconception of fact."

"We are not ganging up against Russia," he said. "... We are not pursuing an exclusive alliance with America..."

"Our policy is based on support of the United Nations organization."

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to have a batch of disguised German in the crew.

### EXPOSED IN 1937

The ring's operations against American shipping were first exposed in a series of articles by Harry Raymond in the Daily Worker during the Spanish war in May, 1937.

Letters from the spy ring to the Count in Spain, asking for naval aid in sinking American ships, were reproduced in the Raymond expose.

The Count's company is also described as the "bridge of spies" to the Americas in Allen Chase's book, *The Falange*, which names Nazi spies, whom the Compania Transatlantica Espanola brought to this hemisphere.

One of the letters, which the Daily Worker reproduced in its issue of May 10, 1937, emphasizes the spy ring's hatred of the so-called "Jewish press," as it calls for ship sinkings.

The letter was mailed March 5, 1937, from the Compania Transatlantica Espanola's agents here, Manuel Diaz and Marcelino Garcia of 17 Battery Place, New York, to Juan Claudio Guell, the Conde de Ruisenana, in the Hotel Fernando Isabel, Valladolid, Spain.

It follows in part:

"Here we live hour to hour pending news from Spain. The press, in its majority Jewish, is rather hostile to our cause."

"The help from Russia is well known, as well as the enormous help from Mexico. It is a pity that there is not a speedy armed ship in the Gulf of Yucatan. If there were, not one of the ships with armaments would get through."

"Fond greetings from your good friends."

MANUEL DIAZ,  
MARCELINO GARCIA."

The Times, which ran the letter, refused an anti-fascist advertisement, opposing anti-Semitism, submitted by The Protestant magazine last year, reports Kenneth Leslie, The Protestant's editor.

The Conde de Ruisenana's ring was set up here in 1937 by the present Spanish ambassador to the United States, Juan Francisco de Cadenas, who was then the fascist leader's unrecognized representative.

The ring is a three-cornered af-

fair, with the points of the triangle located in New York, Havana and Spain.

Ruisenana was lavishly entertained by ultra Hitlerite editors of the fascist Havana newspaper *Diario de Marina* on his way to New York.

They gave him a reception, featured his photograph, and announced that he was coming to New York to direct Spanish shipping interests here.

Pepin Rivera, the editor of the *Diario de Marinas*, was given a medal by Hitler early in the Spanish war, during a visit to Germany.

The same editor supported the Axis cause during the war.

So openly did de Ruisenana's friends on the *Diario de Marina* back the fascist cause during the conflict that the Cuban authorities seized one issue of the paper.

The seizure followed a flagrant violation of government rules forbidding printing shipping information that would aid Nazi sub commanders.

Gestapo agents, brought over on the Compania Transatlantica's ships, whom Allen Chase names, radioed the movements of American ships to these same sub commanders.

One of these agents named Lun-ling whom the Conde de Ruisenana's line brought to Cuba, was executed by a Havana firing squad during the war.

More revelations on the Franco spy ring follow tomorrow

## End of Hawaii Strike Hailed

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—The end of the great sugar strike in Hawaii was hailed as "the beginning of the end of a feudalism which we hope portends the end of feudalism everywhere," by president Harry Bridges of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union.

The settlement reached in Hawaii gives 28,000 workers in the sugar industry, members of the ILWU, a minimum wage of 71 cents an hour as against a former wage of 42 cents an hour, and in some cases as low as 26 cents. It also eliminates the old serf-like system of prerequisites.

## Big Five Discuss Use of 'Veto' in UN

The "Big Five" met to discuss the veto yesterday and were in agreement on two things: first, that there is no need for any change of the five-power unanimity clause of the UN charter; second, that when important issues come before the Security Council the five permanent members shall try to reach unanimous accord on those questions.

But they were not in agreement about modifying the use of the veto.

Meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday morning were representatives of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council—Ernest Bevin, Alexandre Parodi, V. M. Molotov, Wellington Koo and James Byrnes.

Discussion was opened by Britain's Bevin who submitted a seven-point proposal. Boiled down, Bevin felt the Soviet Union had abused the veto power.

It was clear that Bevin looked forward to another whitewash of Franco, because one of his proposals was to bar the veto on any question where any of the Big Five felt a resolution didn't go far enough.

Britain and the U.S. favor a slap on the wrist, even an "investigation" to see how tainted Franco is.

Many Latin American countries,

India, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Soviet Union believe UN members should break diplomatic relations with the Franco regime.

Byrnes for the U.S. and Koo for China also presented written suggestions. They too felt the veto right had been abused and thought there should be clarification of the voting formula.

Parodi for France agreed with the principles in the three texts submitted.

Molotov suggested that much of the so-called revolt against the veto was inspired by some of the Big Powers. He expressed his belief that the Big Five had a special responsibility in defending the UN charter. The proper thing he declared would have been to rebuff the artificial agitation and to make a forthright defense of the UN charter.

Another meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council will be held today at 11 a.m. to continue this discussion.



## LABOR and the NATION



## NOTICE

TO ALL MEMBERS  
OF  
UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

This mine is in Government possession and will remain open. Your contract with the Government remains effective, as it very plainly says, for "the period of Government possession." The Government and all the people of the country expect the miners to honor their contract and to mine the coal which the nation needs.

THE GOVERNMENT injunction against the leaders of the AFL United Mine Workers is really aimed at people like miners John Relko, Frank Gruzniak and William Mattes (l. to r.) at one of the Pittsburgh Coal Co.'s mines. Relko's daughter Jeanne, eight, is also affected, because the injunction is intended to stifle the coal miners' struggle for wage adjustments to meet skyrocketing cost of living. Above is the notice placed in all bituminous coal mines by the federal government to intimidate the unions from striking.

# Miners Hit by Injunction; 38,000 Out

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. — The Federal government took another step in the direction of breaking the fight of the soft coal miners for wage adjustments to meet the rise in the cost of living, when it secured a temporary injunction from Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough to keep United Mine Workers' president John L. Lewis and his aides from ordering a termination of work by the miners.

Despite the Federal injunction thousands of soft coal miners have already walked out in advance of the Wednesday midnight dead-

line set for the mine strike.

The soft coal miners are demanding a wage increase from the government to meet the skyrocketing cost of living, which has been especially marked since the end of price control. The government has refused to reopen the contract. Instead it has attempted to intimidate the miners into accepting present wages.

## 38,000 OUT

Nearly 38,000 miners have already either refused to report for work or have walked off the job in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, Ohio, Alabama and Illinois. No picketing has been reported.

The walkouts are expected to continue and increase despite the injunction which was obtained from Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough on application by U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark. The injunction forbids Lewis and all his union aides from issuing or giving publicity to notices terminating the soft coal contract so long as the government retains operation of the mines.

The judge also enjoined them from encouraging the miners to strike or interfere with mine production in any way. If Lewis or any UMW official violates the injunction, they could be charged with contempt of court.

Lewis has until Nov. 27 to come into court to petition for dissolution of the injunction. After that time, if he does not appear, the injunction will be made permanent.

## STATE SURVEY

A United Press state-by-state survey showed 37,844 miners idle today. The absenteeism was attributed to "unrest" and "a disturbed state of mind" by UMW leaders.

The situation summarized:

**Pennsylvania**—Eleven mines were down, with about 4,700 men idle. Four Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. mines and two Republic Steel Corp. mines were among them.

**West Virginia**—About 10,000 miner in the southern fields and the border counties of Kentucky and Virginia were out.

A lack of empty coal cars kept thousands idle in northern West Virginia.

**Illinois**—Scores of mines were closed with more than 20,000 miners absent from their jobs.

**Alabama**—Between 2,500 and 3,000 of the state's UMW members stayed at home.

**Ohio**—Over 500 men idle.

**Virginia**—About 1,800 miners out. **Indiana**—Some 660 miners walked out.

vite disaster." The message was received coldly by the delegates.

Opening the session of the Congress of Women's Auxiliaries of the CIO, President Faye Stephenson listed the fight against skyrocketing prices as the number one task of women of CIO families. She reported the CIO auxiliaries were among 50 women's organizations represented at the recent International Assembly of Women.

# No CIO Witch-Hunt, Murray Declares

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 18.—CIO President Philip Murray today warned that the declaration of policy adopted unanimously by the CIO convention "should not be misconstrued to be a repressive measure," and that it is aimed against interference by all political parties.

Murray made his statement before the afternoon session of the eighth CIO convention to which he presented the declaration which rejected "efforts by the Communist Party or other political parties and their adherents to interfere in the affairs of the CIO."

The declaration, passed unanimously at yesterday's executive board meeting was passed without debate today.

Murray said he felt it necessary to ask the board to act on the charge of Communist "domination" of the CIO because the newspapers have made it into a big issue and candidates used attacks on the CIO to "win votes at the polls."



MURRAY

He called his repeated statements in the past branding the charges of the red-baiters as lies, but the propaganda continued to a point in some sections of the country reaching a level of "hysteria."

Murray took sharp issue with published stories that he was pressured to take the issue into the CIO from certain outside quarters and said he appointed the committee of three "lefts" and three "rights" to solve the problem without even advance consultation with officers or individuals in the CIO. He did receive many visitors and letters, said Murray, urging that "this organization of ours should indulge itself in the extravaganza of repressive legislation." Raising his voice to top pitch, Murray said:

"As president of this organization, I would like it to be distinctly understood that I am definitely opposed to any form of repression in this movement of ours. There should be no misunderstanding about that."

His second warning is based on the concept that "this movement of ours is a trade union movement interested in the logical aspiration of trade unionists."

"It does not care to be bothered and will not tolerate interference from not only the Communist party, remember, but other political parties. And I should like to emphasize that point, and there should be no misunderstanding

about that, because if you are going to be unionists in our concept as we have been, then we must recognize that also to be an understanding fact."

## NO DIVISION

Murray pointed out that there "has never been any misunderstanding or division" on the "trade union" issues in the CIO, and added:

"The perpetuity of this institution hinges upon our willingness to comport ourselves to the fundamental trade union concepts of true American trade unionists."

The statement of policy declaring the CIO as an "American" institution should be "strictly" adhered to "through the voluntary democratic processes created within the framework of our national unions and our CIO," he said.

Murray expressed a belief that the "declaration of policy" would constitute an "answer to all the villainous slanderous abuses" to which the CIO has been subjected. Noting the unanimity of the executive board, Murray saw no need for further debate and presented the statement for approval.

The CIO head's remarks have apparently reduced some of the dissatisfaction among the delegates with the adopted statement. The active "right" wing delegates, who failed to obtain the strong red-baiting statement and constitutional anti-Communist bans they wanted originally, were obviously sitting on their hands while Murray served his warning.

Dissatisfaction in "left" ranks was indicated when Howard McKenzie and Joseph Stack, vice-presidents of the National Maritime Union, voted against the statement. Later, they changed their vote to make the decision unanimous.

Dissatisfaction in "left" ranks is mainly with the inference that the Communist Party does "interfere" in union affairs, the failure to insert more explicitly and by name, other organizations whose interference was unwanted and the inadequate assurance against use of the statement as a repressive measure.

The CIO president opened the convention of 600 delegates this morning with sharp warning that a rate of profit now running at a rate of \$15,000,000,000 a year in contrast to a fall of the purchasing power of weekly earnings by \$13.05, since March, 1945, will lead to an inevitable "bust."

Murray retraced the history of the CIO's wage fight and the manner in which OPA jackup of prices took the raise away.

He said that while the steel industry was forced to give a wage raise to the workers amounting to \$165,000,000 a year, an agreement was reached only after weeks of idleness and after OPA assured the corporations a price increase aggregating \$300,000,000 a year.

Murray said flatly that "not a single solitary" affiliate of the CIO was responsible for a strike. In every case it was "Big Business" striking against a decision of a government fact-finding board.

"Who under these conditions was responsible for the steel strike?" he asked. "Who was striking? Who was striking against the government at that time? Was it labor? Was it the steelworkers? It was the heart and core of Big Business striking against its government, striking against a decision made by the President."

Murray also recalled the steel wage demand was made after the findings of the President's own economists had been made known. They showed that in September, 1945, a wage raise of 24 percent could have been granted without causing an inflationary spiral.

Murray's great emphasis on the real blame for strikes must be viewed in the light of new negotiations about to get under way in steel, auto, electrical and other industries. A meeting of leaders of the CIO's "Big Three" was reported held here today. There was no announcement of what transpired.

## PROFIT THREAT

In his warning that profit-hungry corporations are leading the country to a "bust," Murray said that a "fifteen billion dollar profit for American industry constitutes a threat to our national economy and a graver threat to the maintenance of our system of free enterprise."

"It is asserted," he went on, "that certain interests here in the

United States threaten our institutions and threaten our form of government—and I speak with particular reference to allegations made concerning the Communist Party. But what could constitute a graver threat to the perpetuity of our free existence in the United States, our democratic way of life, than this fiscal picture that I presented to you?"

The CIO head's only reference to international affairs came in an expression of concern that people of many other countries "view with a degree of suspicion" the motives behind America's relief and loan policy.

He said there is belief "in many quarters that our money is being utilized for the purpose of changing the thinking of people in many countries in the distribution of relief, in the lending of money and other ways."

He added that it would be "indeed regrettable and unfortunate if the lending and gift-giving propensities of the American government should be utilized for the purpose of forcing our way of thinking down the throats of many people all over the world."

He said it is the concern and the duty of the CIO to take action to "direct the attention of the American people to dangers . . . in such foolhardy policies."

Murray's only reference to politics was to sound a warning to the Republicans lest they "make the big mistake," of misconstruing the results of the election as a mandate for "crucifixion of American labor."

The convention otherwise was engaged in organizing itself.

The resolution committee is expected to bring out some of its decision tomorrow. President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Trainmen is scheduled to speak in the afternoon.

Among messages read to the convention today was one from the President and a greeting from the Polish Federation of Labor.

The President wrote:

"These are exciting and dangerous times. For if the months ahead usher in a period of inaction or reaction, if we again put profits above people, we will jeopardize the very structure of our free society, if we write a social contract which violates the moral code or endangers the economic balance, we shall in-



# A Reporter Writes a Letter to the Boss

Dear Boss:

This is a complaint. You assigned me to go to the Homestead Hotel in Hot Springs, Va., to cover for The Daily Worker the Yama Conference of the National Industrial Conference Board. I am back in Washington, now, and safe, but I shall never be the same.

Let me cover a sharecroppers' meeting in Alabama. Let me make the four o'clock picket line on a cold January morning. Even let me go with the Byrd expedition to the Antarctic. But, please, never send me on an assignment like this.

For two days, I associated exclusively with bank presidents, railroad tycoons, manufacturers, ambassadors, life insurance executives and their ladies. "Associated" probably isn't the right word. For while I chatted with some of these elite from time to time, I was definitely not in the swim.

In the first place, my pants and coats were of the same material. That set me apart. Down there they wore "smart clothes." In the second place, when I'd meet a gentleman he would say "Hall? Hall? Oh, yes, glad to know you," but indicating that he couldn't remember a single bank president named Hall.

"And you came down for the conference?" a lady would ask. "Oh, no," I'd say. "My doctor sent me down." Dr. Morris



HALL

## ROB HALL PROTESTS COVERING THE RICH

Childs, of course, but I didn't add that.

After a few hours of this, I began to feel very warm toward the elevator operator who was reading *Lady Chatterly's Lover*. He works 12 hours a day, he told me. But the next day he was gone, maybe fired for speaking to a guest.

Through some sort of fluke, I had my first meal at a table with five members of the NICB.

"The nation owes a debt of gratitude to the southern Democrats," said one of them. He turned out to be James L. Madden, second vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. "The southern Democrats saved the life insurance companies from a congressional investigation."

"It would have been sheer witch-hunt," said his neighbor. The neighbor was William I. Myers, dean of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell.

"The one great tragedy of the elections is they didn't change the United States Supreme Court," said Madden.

"I have a friend who was almost a Democrat," said Madden, "a very successful lawyer. He told his clients there was no chance of business winning any case in this court if it contains the slightest economic or political issue."

Seeking a breath of fresh air after this murky fog, I wandered through the 180-foot Great Hall, onto the "wide piazza" as they call it. Under the "porto-cochere" an old fashioned carriage drawn by two horses and driven by a Negro coachman wearing a silly

top hat (through no fault of his own, I dare say) was picking up some millionaire and his wife.

You can rent a carriage, top hat and all, for \$5 an hour, it seems. Everybody is very horsey here. They rent saddle horses for \$2.50 an hour, and riders and their mounts were clattering about on the gravelled walk, or heading into the beautiful hills that stretched on either side of the hotel, 17,000 acres of them, in fact.

On the piazza, every one seemed to be reading J. P. Marquand's new book, "B. F.'s Daughter." This is the story of how a fine self-made capitalist shows his moral superiority over a "radical" economics professor from Columbia.

"If I don't read the Reader's Digest when it first comes in, I never seem to get around to it," complained a lady all wrapped in a blanket and sitting in a steamer chair.

Not interested in literary discussion I strolled back to the Great Hall. Herbert Hoover came charging toward me, looked at me, started to speak and decided he couldn't quite place me.

An elderly lady with a strident voice was talking to her companion.

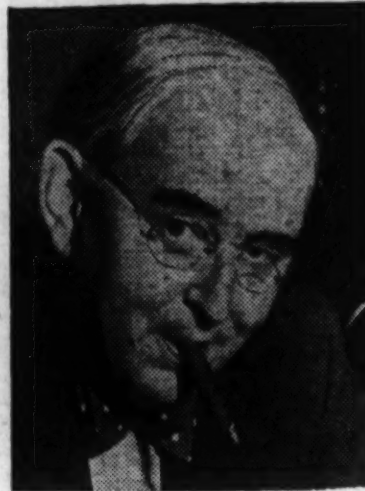
"Dewey has grown so much in stature," she yelled.

Those uplift shoes, I thought.

"But Vandenberg is one of our very best men."

Before an open fireplace, an old gentleman with a long beaver chatted with a sweet-faced gray-haired lady.

It appeared that in 1936 he made a speech predicting the war, the national debt and the rise of Russia. In his role of a proven prophet, he said that bad times are ahead. People may not like



VANDENBERG

"One of our best men"

his predictions, but that's the way he sees it.

The lady with the strident voice gave me an icy stare. She said: "Bill is always optimistic," she was saying, "but he's not optimistic about Russia."

"The Warren Austins don't like New York. Mrs. Austin just loved Washington parties, but in New York she is left out of things. I nominated her for membership in the Colony Club but they won't take her."

A leading GOP Presidential candidate doesn't get along at all with his wife and he is regarded as "a chaser." Libel laws being what they are, perhaps I'll skip names.

I found the hotel rate card discreetly tacked on the inner side of the closet door. The rate was \$16.00 a day. There is a stock ticker downstairs.

At five o'clock they served tea in the Great Hall.

Next to me, a large gentleman was saying to the president of the New Haven Railroad.

"Howard," he said, "if the company has all that money, put it

into public relations. Just make two simple points. Railroad costs are higher than during the war and volume of traffic is down."

"But I want to educate public opinion against labor's unreasonable demands," said Howard (Mr. Palmer to you.)

"Sure, you do it by reverse English. Your costs are up. What are your costs? Labor costs, of course, say that and it'll go over."

I never learned what the second point was.

Many of the guests put on disreputable old clothes and went hunting. Disreputable, but they must have cost plenty. The jackets all have bright red collars so the deer wouldn't mistake them for some of the lower class hunters from down in the village.

Out on the golf course, I saw a lady slice her ball into the woods. I saw her well-trained caddy dig it out from behind a tree and then pretend to find it on top of a nice clean mound where it would be easy for her to hit it. Since she didn't SEE him do it, she wasn't cheating; her conscience was clear. But I bet he got a large tip.

Perhaps all these details make the rich seem amusing but harmless. It isn't true. Lamont du Pont was here, coming down from the fascist anti-Semitic banquet in New York. Leon Clausen, president of J. I. Case and W. C. Johnson of Allis-Chalmers were here, too, both of them heads of companies which at this writing are trying to starve and beat striking workers back into their plants.

I heard one of the big shots tell a vulgar anti-Semitic joke, complete with gestures and accent.

They were here to plot things which are not good for America or the people or the world.

For my money, they definitely are not nice people. It was not a pleasant assignment. And that, boss, is why I complain.

—ROB. F. HALL



**Out for Victory:** Some of the 679 movie studio strikers who were arrested when they demonstrated objection to anti-labor picketing laws in Hollywood, give the "V" sign as they wait to be released on bail. Herbert Sorrell, union official, remained in jail with his men.

## Calif. Labor Continues as Vet School Despite Red-Baiting

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. — The Veterans Administration will continue payments to ex-GI's attending the California Labor School despite cries of "subversive" and "communism," an official spokesman said today.

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As long as a school is approved by the state, VA cannot suspend payments, it was explained.

An agency official denied reports in the local press that VA had asked the Justice Department to investigate the Labor School after the American Legion and Amvets denounced the San Francisco institution as "communistic."

Col. Thomas J. Cross, VA deputy administrator of the West Coast office, was ordered to release checks for the school which he had illegally held up, it was pointed out.

Latest press flurry over the school was caused here by a statement of Gen. Omar Bradley, VA chief, to student reporters at George Washington University that "There is a college in the VA program from which the VA would like to withdraw its support."

## British Board Opposes Equal Pay for Women

LONDON, Nov. 17 (ALN).—British labor's drive to crack the core of industry's cheap labor supply received a severe setback last week when a government-appointed royal commission ended a months-long study with a report opposing equal pay for women workers. In many British industries, women get as little as 50 percent of the pay given men on the same jobs.

Basis for the commission's recommendation is that women are less efficient and less reliable than men who spend their whole lives at a single trade. The commission also placed considerable weight on the employers' argument that any increase in women's wages would have to be absorbed by price rises.

The numerous unions in which men's scales are directly affected by the employment of women at lower rates are certain to meet the royal commission recommendation with spirited protest.

The London Trades Council, representing 600,000 workers, has already announced its support of a conference on the question on Dec. 7, International Women's Day.

## 3 Unions Win Strike On Vermont Railroads

MONTPELIER, Vt., Nov. 18. — Three railroad brotherhoods have ended an 18-day strike against the Barre & Chelsea and the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad with an agreement giving them an 18 cents hourly wage increase effective immediately.

A fact-finding board meeting in Chicago will determine whether the increase shall be retroactive.

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# Child Sleeps in Dresser Drawer

## NEGRO VET'S WIFE TELLS FAMILY'S PLIGHT

The critical housing situation is bringing many letters to the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America. The following is an example:

MANHATTAN.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to see if you can help my family and me. I am living with my oldest sister in a three-room apartment. In all, there are 10 of us. My sisters and their husbands and my younger sister have children. There is no kind of heat—not even a steampipe; one window, and that's in the back.

The room is so tiny all it can hold is a single bed and a crib in which the two oldest children, ages five and three, sleep. The baby was just two months old last Wednesday, and she's sleeping in the dresser drawer. She's very ill at the present

time; the doctor thinks it's pneumonia.

I've tried every way I know to get an apartment but it's awfully hard, especially when there's children. My husband registered at the New York Housing Authority, Harlem River Houses, and I guess every other agency, even the Urban League, but so far we haven't had any luck, so I'm writing to you.

The visiting nurse was trying to find out where to get a blank for me for the Lincoln project but I haven't heard from her as yet, so I was thinking maybe you could tell me where to write and apply for one, because the doctor says it's very important that I get the children out of here before winter really sets in. So if you can give me any information I would be so grateful.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. A. L. M.

# Harlem Vets Out in the Cold

By John Hudson Jones

While the wind is getting chill and snow is threatening to fall, the City of New York and its Housing Authority is making no effort to provide housing for veterans in Harlem—notwithstanding the fact that the city owns outright many of Harlem's boarded up houses and can foreclose for unpaid taxes on as many more.

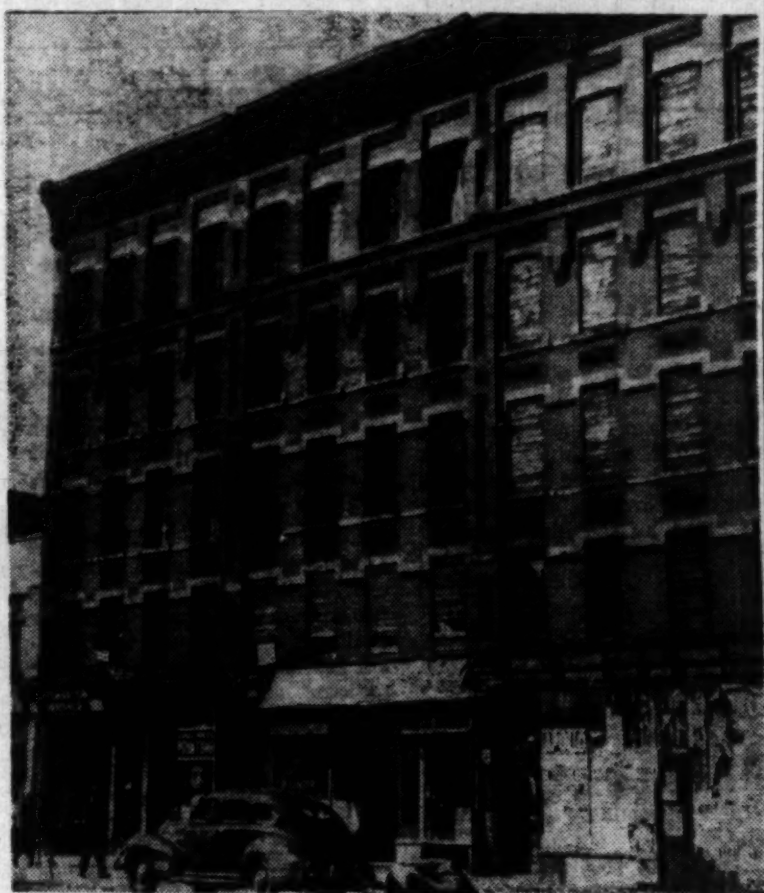
When the United Negro and Allied Veterans made their house survey a while back, they found in the area around 128 St. and Eighth Ave., three city-owned houses that could provide 26 apartments.

A partial reading of UNAVA's documented reports of one Manhattan and one Bronx area, shows 14 houses overdue in taxes in periods ranging from four to 14 years. These houses could provide 148 apartments.

The question of housing for Harlem's veterans has passed the stage of polite conferences where the buck is passed by double-talking housing officials. Harlem vets are fighting mad and don't intend to take any more stalling. They want some kind of action from the City Housing Authority.

And to show that they aren't fooling—UNAVA yesterday issued a call to "New York veterans and people who want to see them get in out of the cold" to participate in a huge demonstration Nov. 30, 2 p.m., at Eighth Ave. and 128 St.

Walter Garland, executive officer of UNAVA declared, "We want the City Housing Authority to open up those 1,500 boarded up apartments we found, and we mean business. We are telling this whole town that we fought for this country and we want to live in it."



Boarded-Up Houses in Harlem

## Nebraska AFL Defies Closed-Shop Ban

OMAHA, Neb. Nov. 18.—"We are going to fight the anti-closed shop amendment in the courts until we get it removed from the statute books," President J. J. Guenther of the Nebraska Federation of Labor said here. The amendment was adopted in the Nov. 5 elections.

"Every barber, every motion picture operator in the state is working in a closed shop," he said. "They are going to go right on working under the same conditions. We have our contracts and we are going to fulfill them."

## 23 Die in Army Plane

GUAM, Nov. 18 (UP).—Twenty-three military passengers aboard an Army C-47 transport perished when the plane crashed into the sea 15 miles off Iwo Jima late Saturday night, 20th Air Force headquarters announced today.

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# CP Upstate Returns Show Great Gains

Communist Party candidates in the recent elections in New York State scored huge gains over previous highs, available returns from upstate counties show. In Nassau

County, Robert Thompson, running for Comptroller, received 729 votes, and Benjamin J. Davis, candidate for Attorney General, 883 votes. Previous high for the county was 453 votes for Israel Amter, running for representative-at-large in 1938, an increase of 95 percent.

In Rockland County, the vote was 187 for Davis and 157 for Thompson. The Davis vote was 112 percent higher than the 88 received by Davis in 1942, when he ran for congressman-at-large.

Other totals, and the previous high vote recorded for the county listed, follow:

	Davis	Thompson	High
Broome .....	306	260	172
Erie (Buffalo) 1397	Unreported	883	
Orange .....	103	69	79
Putnam .....	65	54	50
Schenectady ..	258	165	145
Schuyler .....	14	13	8
Suffolk .....	215	150	115
Sullivan .....	180	172	181
Tioga .....	69	75	46
Tompkins ...	47	37	71
Ulster .....	95	84	113
Dutchess ....	135	105	107

In Tompkins and Ulster counties, Communist leaders claimed that much of the vote was not counted.

# L. A. Consumers See Gains In Low Price Fight

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18. — Another victory in the Consumers & Tenants League campaign against exorbitant meat prices was reported today when the Beverly - Fairfax branch reached an agreement with the Stadium Meat Market stipulating the market would not charge more than five cents per pound over the June 30 OPA meat ceiling.

Meat will be plainly labeled as to grade and price and there will be no "under the counter" sales, the market further agreed. The League will follow up its success with distribution of a pamphlet asking the neighborhood to patronize the cooperating market and to continue boycotting butchers who are charging unreasonable prices.

Picketing by the Consumers League is continuing in 10 markets in the Beverly-Fairfax district, where persons are on picket duty during the busy shopping hours.

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## THE BUYERS STRIKE

By Wm. Z. Foster

**T**HE CAPITALIST PROFITEERS, aided by the capitulation policies of the Truman Administration, have knocked price control on the head and are now engaged in the most voracious campaign of price gouging in the history of our country. Taking advantage of the acute postwar shortages of nearly all commodities, they are shooting prices up sky-high. Only since last June, when the so-called congressional OPA holiday in price control occurred the prices of food-stuffs have soared 56 percent, according to government economists. And in the first two days following the administration's recent sweeping decontrol measure, 28 major commodities averaged a price rise of 7.4 percent.



And the end is not yet. The profiteers are pressing for still higher prices. Now, as a very special objective, they are aiming at drastically raising rents, either by increases of the rates or by the abolition of rent controls altogether.

**THAT THE LANDLORDS** will get substantial increases in rents if Congress and the administration have their way, is obvious. Already the country has been told the bad news that rent increases are being "considered" by the administration. Such an announcement is a polite way of letting the people know that the landlords are going to be allowed to rob the masses of a few billion dollars extra per year.

The swift rise in prices now taking place not only works great hardships upon the toiling masses, whose wages lag far behind the soaring cost of living, but it is also hastening the country into inflation, and thereby speeding toward an inevitable economic collapse.

These things the huge price rises do primarily by radically reducing the purchasing power of the workers' wages and by absorbing the masses' meager war-time savings. The much-boasted about \$100,000,000,000 backlog of purchasing power, saved by the people as a whole during the war years, is already largely gobbled up by the profiteers through inordinately high prices. This is especially true so far as the workers' share of this so-called backlog of buying power is concerned.

**BUT THE PEOPLE** are not taking lying down this ruthless raid of the profiteers upon their savings and living standards. Spontaneously, far and wide, the masses are carrying on a buyers' strike. Literally, scores of millions of people are matching the price increases by adopting methods of economy in buying.

The other day, the Detroit

Times, a Hearst newspaper, took a poll on the question of high prices and reported that 71 percent of the people spoken to, middle class elements as well as workers, declared they were on a buyers' strike. Similar resistance to high prices is to be found in every city in this country. Were this mass resistance not present prices would be much higher even than they are now.

The strength of the people's buying strike was dramatically manifested a few weeks ago when the masses refused in millions to pay the astronomical prices demanded for meat following the Administration's surrender to the packing trust and its abolition of meat price controls. Nor was their mass resistance without certain results in partially checking soaring meat prices.

Similar anti-high price strikes are being waged against other commodities and services in many communities. Myriads are refusing to buy the new suits they figured on; they are keeping out of super-priced restaurants and movie houses; they are abandoning the idea of getting new cars this year and are squeezing yet more mileage out of hard-pressed old jalopies. And in innumerable other ways they are displaying resistance to the present scourge of price jacking of profiteers in their drunken orgy of "free enterprise."

**THE WEAKNESS** of this widespread buyers' strike, however, is that it lacks organization and program. For the most part it is a desultory, spontaneous hitting back by the masses at the price gougers who are so viciously exploiting them. Only seldom are the trade unions and other consumers' organizations giving active leadership and real support to the movement. For the most part unorganized housewives, confronted with the hard task of making both ends meet financially, constitute the bulk of the fighting forces in the buyers' strike.

Organized strikes by purchasers are by no means a panacea for high prices. They will not cure the evil fully but, waged militantly by great masses, they can nevertheless put a crimp in the activities of the profiteers. Such strikes fit right in with the wage movements of the workers in helping to protect the living standards of the masses. Workers, for example, are encouraged to fight more aggressively for wage increases if they see that at the same time determined efforts are being made to keep prices down.

Most important of all, buyers' strikes serve to awaken the masses to a realization of the Republican politicians' guilt for the present economic demoralization. Thus

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"At last we've got a Congress of practical men—men with both feet on the ground."

## Change the World

McFlish on Disarmament;  
Or Exposing Another Russ Plot

By Mike Gold

**GOOD EVENING**, ladies and gentlemen! This is Fulton J. McFlish, your friendly and impartial news commentator, speaking again from the vestpocket of the duPont Cartel!

The American people, according to several fine specimens I have recently interviewed in Bleeck's impartial barroom, are standing



of nerves against the western world.

I could not find a single bartender in the capital who believed the idea practical. It is an obvious fantasy, and as such, Molotov put it forward only to confuse.

Russia, as every Hearst reader knows, really wants to take over the United States. They envy us our sugar-beet crop, our duPonts, our Peglers, our Stock Exchange, our lynching Rankin and Bilbos.

**IF THE RUSSIANS** really are so sincere about this offer to disarm, why do they continue building up their stock pile of atom bombs? Against whom do they expect to use these bombs—the Martians? What hypocrisy it is to talk peace and disarmament while their atom-bomb factories toll day and night, manufacturing the most infernal murder weapon ever conceived by man!

Every well-informed Hearst reader must remember the Russian jet-bombing planes, hundreds of which were recently detected in experimental flights over Sweden. A friendly impartial Hearst reporter exposed them to the world; since then the experiments have stopped.

Will Mr. Molotov let America in on the jet-plane secret? Will the Russians give up all their secret inventions? It is a delusion to think so, according to the handsomest bartender whom I interviewed recently, a man of the people who mixes the finest Manhattan cocktail it has been my good fortune to know in this checkered life of duPontian journalism.

This man is a thinker. He is an impartial political observer who voted for Thomas Dewey in the last presidential campaign. And he says now of Molotov's proposal: "Fine! But is Russia ready to stop its military explorations in

the Arctic and Antarctic? Who are they planning against there? Who do they think they are fooling?"

**SIMILARLY**, the Russian cross announcement about the taking over of the Pacific islands captured from Japan and fortifying these for military use, is no signal for kissing games among the nations, according to a well-known authority on international matters who cannot be named, but who can always be interviewed at that famous bar on Third Avenue where the Skelly Boys Band plays nightly.

"Disarmament, indeed!" he said, mopping the bar thoughtfully, "when every choir boy knows the Russians are still the bitter enemies of General Franco!"

Another man of the people and impartial expert on international politics, a taxi driver named Joe who has often taken me around the different places where I meet the people, had this to say, on the subject:

"So let 'em come and try to steal Brooklyn! We'll show 'em!"

Disarmament would mean the end of American prosperity; would shut down our steel mills and parking lots; would help the Communist Party and the CIO gain members and win strikes; would increase the number of Washington bureaucrats.

It is a Russian plot, since the Russians first suggested the darn thing. Therefore, your friendly and impartial commentator is glad to inform you tonight that the American people are unanimously against this terrible idea and its Russian advocates. Speaking from headquarters in the DuPont vestpocket, and now signing off, I remain your friendly and impartial Fulton J. McFlish, impartial news commentator!

### Worth Repeating

Speaking of the poison of red-baiting within labor's ranks, William Z. Foster, Communist Party chairman, said: "Red-baiting is not political criticism; it is political persecution, just as anti-Semitism and Jim-Crowism are persecution. It is a weapon of reaction, taken straight from the arsenal of the late, unlamented Adolph Hitler. Its purpose is to develop an ideological terrorism, first against the Communists, next against all the progressive forces and eventually against the unions themselves. Red-baiting opens the way for the most dangerous attacks by employers against the labor movement. The union that tolerates Red-baiting leaves itself wide open to the assaults of the worst forces of reaction." *Problems of Organized Labor Today*, P. 35, New Century Publishers.

## Press Roundup It's Get-Tough- With-Miners Day Today

**THE TIMES** has narrowed down the coal miners' needs to a choice of loyalties between the government and John L. Lewis. Thus dispensing with the issue of whether they can meet the rising cost of living, the *Times* says, "If the mine owners . . . showed any signs of wishing to treat the miners like 'dumb beasts' we may be sure that public opinion would rally against them." We have a picture of the *Times* rallying public opinion against the mine-owners.

**THE HERALD-TRIBUNE** does not even bother to recognize the demands of the miners in the coal situation. To the *Trib*, too, this would seem to be a bone-crushing contest between two giants. It calls for bone-crushing measures against the miners: "If a showdown is to come at last the Truman administration will be able to summon up certain weapons of law and public opinion which . . . may prove potent." The victory of the GOP has given the *Trib* courage to think once more of clubs, tear gas and bullets again, apparently.

**THE POST'S** Harold L. Ickes challenges the United States' role in China, saying, "The American people remembered that statement of Pres. Truman on Dec. 15, 1945, that 'United States support (of the Nationalist Government) will not extend to U. S. military intervention to influence the course of any Chinese internal strife.' . . . American activity in China can hardly be said to be in keeping with these pronouncements. I do not believe that the people understand why our armed forces continue to be maintained and maneuvered in countries with which we have not been at war."

**THE SUN** is afraid the coal strike, if it should materialize, won't be broken good and hard enough. "What a grand time this would be to have a Grover Cleveland or Theodore Roosevelt in the White House," the *Sun* says. Or Hoover, we might ask? Or didn't he have the opportunity to break enough strikes for the *Sun*?

**THE WORLD-TELEGRAM** laments the growth of communism in Europe, especially in France and Italy. "Greece is the only liberated country in Europe which has wholly resisted Communist conquest or infiltration," the *Telly* says, choosing as its idol the most fascist-ridden land east of the Pyrenees.

**PM'S** Saul K. Padover, in discussing John Roy Carlson's new book, *The Plotters*, notes that Carlson "detests communism," but considers that "the 'Red' label is a handy fascist technique to smear genuine democrats and to destroy liberal causes."

**THE MIRROR**, running down the United Nations, says all we have gotten out of UNRRA is "a kick in the face."

**THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN** wants sugar decontrolled. Rents next?



**Hatching GOP House Plans:** Republican leaders in the House of Representatives shown planning strategy for the 80th Congress. Left to right are Rep. Tom Jenkins, Ohio; Rep. Clarence Brown, Ohio; Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Mass., slated for the post of House speaker and Rep. Charles Halleck, Indiana. One of their first moves will be to cut taxes for big business.



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## Miners—First Target

THE injunction which has just been flung at the miners had better put all labor on the alert, and revive the idea of a practical get-together to face the common menace.

In slapping an injunction against the miners to force them to work without a contract, the Truman administration once again is playing the game of the die-hard labor-haters in both parties. It is doing the bidding of the GOP Tories who view the recent elections as a mandate to crack down not only on one single union like the miners, but on all unions, AFL, CIO or Brotherhoods.

Union-busting injunctions are the favorite weapon of the "free enterprisers" who wrecked price controls, and turned labor's wage dollar into 60-odd cents of buying power.

They've picked on the miners for their first post-election target.

If they get away with it against the American workmen who give the nation its coal, they'll lose no time in going after the rest of labor.

The miners are up against the unholy alliance of GOP union-busters, coal operators, Big Business and a weak-kneed administration which caved in once before to the demands of the railroad owners, and now is doing a repeat to please the GOP Hooverites.

Truman's injunction against them is the first election pay-off. Truman handed it out, but it was the victorious GOP which is demanding it.

It stands to reason, therefore, that the miners' fight is all labor's fight, regardless of differences of viewpoint on this or that issue. The miners' and their families come first before all differences. They are labor's proudest sons. If their wage standards are lowered the rest of labor will suffer the same fate.

A number of labor leaders have suggested the advisability of an immediate joint conference of AFL, CIO, and railroad union to protect the miners' interests.

We cannot think of a better idea, and heartily endorse it. The faster such an idea spreads the sooner will the miners' wage question be settled in a manner beneficial to labor and the nation.

## No Thanks

THE economists of the Labor Research Association noted yesterday that though retail sales in terms of dollars are rising, the amount of goods passing over the counters to consumers has been declining since February.

That's a mighty important fact.

It shows that the current boom in sales, while it may last a little while longer, is heading for a bust as goods pile up at prices the people can't pay. The spectre of that "over-production" which is the hallmark of this crazy system (where profits and not use is the goal of production) is getting closer all the time.

But it also shows that the "No, thank you" movement which broke out in buyers strikes in big cities recently is far from finished. The public can hand a real uppercut to the profiteering greediness of certain merchants and corporations by a little organized nose-thumbing at the inflationers.

Some readers have written urging a "patches are fashionable" movement against any buying of clothes at present prices. Others have made similar suggestions regarding other items.

Certain items are inescapable necessities. There the fight for lower prices has to be fought differently.

But with most things, an organized national movement with the banner "We don't buy until prices come down" would give the high-price crooks something to worry about.

## BEATING IT OUT



## Letters from Our Readers

### Anti-Communism Means Anti-Trade Unionism

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Communists have contended that red-baiting is directed not only against the Communist Party but has as its real aim the smashing up the labor movement.

This has been admirably confirmed in a letter which the writer received in answer to a broadcast made during the election campaign. In this broadcast, I proposed we end the meat holdup by the government taking over the industry and operating it in the interests of the people. I asked the question: "Would it not be advisable for power to be taken out of the hands of the few people who control not only the meat industry but all industries, and operate them in the interest of the people?"

This brought forth the scurrilous letter along the usual red baiting line. He proposed that the government create a fund for the purpose of sending American Communists "back to Russia."

We Communists are used to this kind of attack. He enclosed a copy of another letter he sent to Congressman Francis Case, author of the infamous Case anti-labor bill. After attacking the Communist Party and declaring the Communists are causing all the trouble in labor circles he declared "My wife, my son, my daughters and other members of my immediate family are members of unions. I can tell you frankly that all of them would drop out of the unions if they dared. . . . This is true of a majority of the members of these organizations."

"We were certainly in favor of your bill which was vetoed by President Truman and hope that you will make another try. We are all satisfied with what pay we receive. We are not asking for more, but the union leaders never stop. . . . Why not forget about strikes for a while and see what happens."

The Republican Party has won and Representative Case is already on the job preparing a bill for introduction in the 80th Congress. Labor must be on guard and be alert to the likelihood that anti-red agitation is going to increase. Labor must unite its ranks. The people must organize themselves into a fighting body, repelling red baiting as harmful to the whole people.

ISRAEL AMTER

## VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

### THE CIO RESOLUTION

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY

AS THIS IS WRITTEN the pressroom at the Chelsea Hotel, the CIO's convention hall, is like a beehive. About a hundred newsmen are banging away at typewriters or screeching away at telegraphers for speedier dispatch of their wires.

CIO president Philip Murray had just released a "declaration of policy" adopted unanimously by the CIO's executive board. It was the long-sought for answer of the CIO to the high-pressure reactionary demand for an anti-Communist purge.



SOME OF the newsmen, among them many who predicted a purge or at least the shifting of the CIO to the red-baiting column, feel very much let down. Others, oriented by the publishers to be sensitive to anything that even smells anti-Communist, rushed at the statement like hungry wolves. Yes, there it was in the statement, the CIO delegates "resent and reject efforts of the Communist Party or other political parties and their adherents to interfere in the affairs of the CIO."

I have talked to many convention delegates and I have yet to find a "right" or "left" winger who is satisfied with the declaration. But the reason for the unanimous agreement upon the statement becomes more apparent in the light of the entire background.

Aside from the fact that the CIO's entire history has been a fight against red-baiting, the convention came close on the heels of an election campaign in which red-baiting against the CIO-PAC was probably the major issue.

Here is the picture among the 600 delegates:

Many here are Communists, among them well-known Communists, important and long-trying leaders of their respective unions, like Ben Gold of the Fur and Leather Workers whom Murray appointed in the committee of three "lefts" and three "rights" to solve the problem. The Communists, however, are part of the much larger "left" which has a leadership in a large section of the CIO. This group has always fought against any discrimination on political or other grounds or surrender to red-baiters.

THESE LEFT forces have always resented the charge of the

red-baiters that the progressive policies they follow are "dictated" by the Communist Party or any other force "outside" the CIO. The Communists, especially, have always favored a statement telling the world that the CIO isn't Communist and that there is a big difference between the Communist Party and even the most progressive trade union. That is a statement of fact that Communists are desirous of getting across no less than the non-Communists.

But this effort was complicated by the fact that the hard-bitten right wingers at the convention wanted the CIO to do no less than to emulate the reactionaries by lumping Communists and fascists; passing judgement upon the principles of the Communist Party with a condemnation; condemning the Soviet Union and governments friendly to it as "totalitarian"; branding Communists in the CIO as "foreign agents," and committing CIO officers to measures against what is deemed "interference."

Thus, their suggestion on dissociating the CIO from Communism is the demand that the CIO itself join the chorus of the red-baiters and sharpen division in its ranks.

There is also a group of delegates here, undoubtedly the largest, who could not be classified as either "left" or "right." They are people who are not strongly oriented on matters of foreign policy or political outlook beyond its effect on immediate CIO objectives. They view themselves as "CIO'ers" or just "trade unionists" and they often even doubt the wisdom of being too excited about anything but immediate, chiefly economic, issues.

MANY IN THIS latter group are anti-Communists because they know little about them or are just not interested in learning more than they get out of their favorite newspaper. But the majority of this group feels strongly about preserving unity and teamwork in CIO ranks which they know is imperative if it is to survive. And this group is equally hopeful of finding some way to stop the ceaseless red-baiting attacks upon the CIO. Many of its adherents, perhaps naively, believe this could be done through some sort of a declaration.

The sentiment of these forces (Continued on Page 3)





**Rent Hike Protests:** Picket lines protesting landlord attempts to boost rents marched Saturday in front of the Empire State Building as part of a noon-hour city-wide consumers' demonstration. Mark Woolsey (above), two and a half, was on the line with his mother. Leather shoes are too expensive, so he wears "sneakers." At right a teacher in cap and gown distributes a leaflet to a consumer. The teachers, members of the CIO Teachers Union, distribute leaflets throughout midtown Manhattan on their case for salary increases. The consumers picketed the OPA offices located in the Empire State Building.

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## Canada Leader Hits Bevin Foreign Policy

Special to the Daily Worker

TORONTO, Nov. 18.—The support of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation for the Policies of the British Labor Government are not as widespread as CCF leader M. J. Coldwell would indicate.

Coldwell, who is a member of the Canadian delegation to UN, is a fervent supporter of the policies of Ernest Bevin as enunciated by Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada, and on many occasions he has denounced the USSR for its criticism of British policy in Greece and India.

That the CCF leader does not speak for his entire party was made clear this week when Carlyle King, provincial secretary of the Saskatchewan CCF (where a CCF provincial government is in power) denounced the British Labor Government's policy as the "Imperialist policy of Winston Churchill."

The present reactionary Greek government would not be in power, he wrote, "without the support of a strong British garrison in Greece, and without the support of the British labor government. The blunt truth is that Ernest Bevin has pushed George II upon a reluctant people and has shored up a reactionary government in Greece as a counterweight to the influence of the Soviet Union. In short, Ernest Bevin has carried out in this region the Tory-Imperialist policy of Winston Churchill."

The British Labor Government's record, wrote King, was also blotted by the "Indonesian exploit of last year. No good purpose is served by defending and justifying every action of that government."

The present support of the policies of Ernest Bevin by the MacKenzie King administration are bolstered by the attitude of the CCF members in the Canadian House of Commons. They, with CCF leader Coldwell, as their spokesman, are fervent supporters of the Bevin Tory-Imperialist policy, but disguise their support of Imperialism with the argument that the British Labor Government is "Socialist."

In effect, by using the "Socialist" smoke-screen, Coldwell is trying to win the support of the Canadian people behind the policies of Ernest Bevin, and thus behind the atombomb diplomacy of Prime Minister Mackenzie King and President Truman of the United States.

The criticism of Bevin's policies by Carlyle King is the first major official opposition to make itself known, and the left-wing labor movement is waiting with interest to see what its repercussions will be.

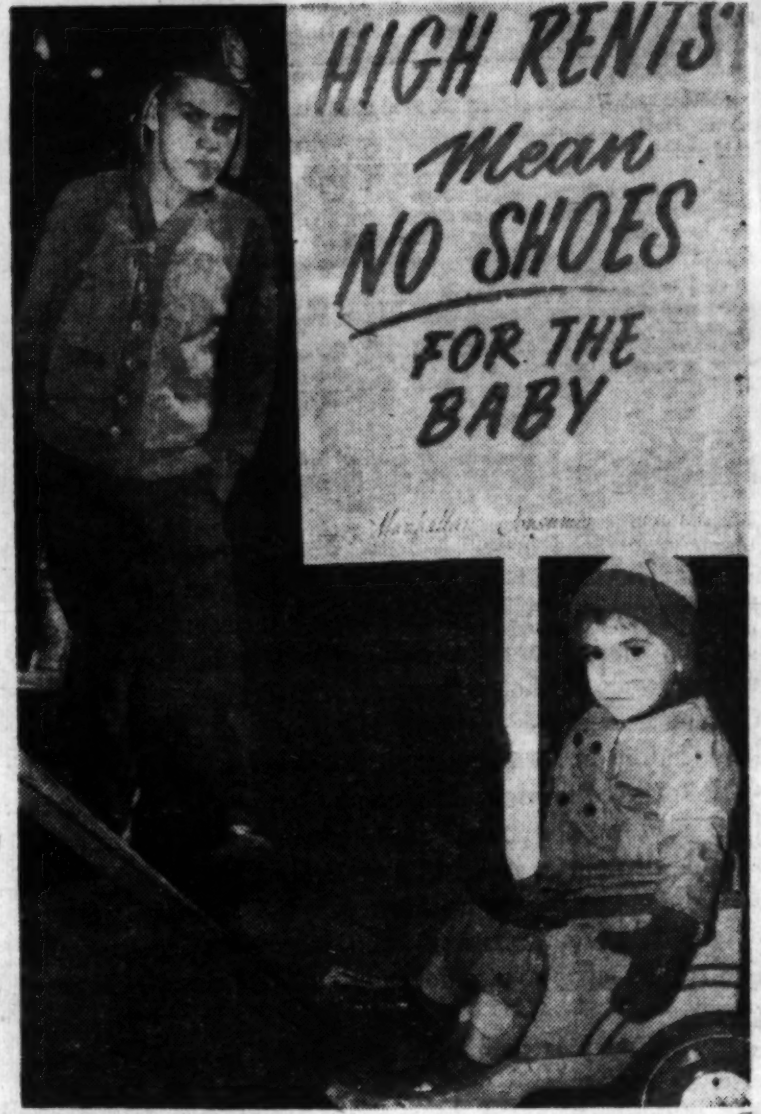
## Foster

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they help prepare the groundwork for the development of general political struggle against these political reactionaries and their masters, the trusts and corporations.

The most burning immediate political question in the United States today is the fight against the high cost of living. Every trade union and every other mass organization should place this issue high on its order of urgent business. The great bulk of the people, aroused by the limitless demands of the profiteers, are in a mood to fight.

Among the important weapons at hand, they can use the buyers' strike. It is by the development of this and other daily struggles that the basis must be laid for the rebuilding of the big pro-Roosevelt coalition in great enough strength to challenge successfully the forces of reaction now and in the elections of 1948. The Communist Party everywhere should give the closest attention to all the people's methods of fighting the high cost of living, not the least of which is the buyers' strike.



## Morris

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is best expressed by Philip Murray who has worked quite diligently for a common ground for a statement. He, in effect, was mediator and arbitrator in the committee of six and was decisive in determining both the "left" and "right" limits of the statement.

Naturally, it is hardly conceivable that any of the tendencies in the CIO would be fully satisfied with a statement under such circumstances. It was a give and take proposition and in some respects on basic aspects. But the big consideration was the other alternative—a knock-down and drag-out fight, sharpened division and possibly splits in the CIO, more factionalism, possibly purges—just what the reactionaries have been looking for hopefully.

The all-important yardstick is whether the statement of policy

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agreed to still leaves the basis for continued unity, freedom of thought and political affiliation, and united concentration of strength upon such tasks as the wage fight, organization of the South and support of progressive legislation. Such unity has been the secret of the CIO's success from the start. And that is what the delegates have been assured will remain invincible.

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## Retail Trade Reorganized Throughout Soviet Union

MOSCOW, Nov. 14.—The government's new decree reorganizing retail trade throughout the Soviet Union will introduce greater competition into the commercial life of the average Russian, it was reported today by the United Press.

The new program, increasing cooperative stores in the community trading areas which previously have been served by state commercial stores, is expected to result in an increase in consumer goods and services.

The long-range objectives of the new decree were announced by I. S. Khokhlov, president of the Central Union of Cooperative Societies.

Soviet cooperatives have 36,000,000 shareholders and 850,000 employees. It is not necessary to belong to a cooperative society in order to trade at its store.

Khokhlov said the decree would expand cooperative societies and permit them to open many retail stores in towns and cities. He said cooperative factories will increase the production of consumer goods next year by 2,000,000,000 rubles, to a level 50 percent higher than this year.

## Justice Dep't Tough—Against Fishermen

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Jeff Kibre, CIO Fishermen's Union secretary-treasurer, today accused the Justice Department of trying "to make criminals out of working fishermen who seek to make a decent living."

Kibre is one of 14 officials under indictment for allegedly conspiring to fix minimum prices in the fishing industry, which anti-trust officials called the first prosecution of a union.

"Destruction of minimum price agreements will not help the fishermen, the industry or the public," Kibre said. "It is no accident that this indictment comes on the crest of a drive against labor."

"It is an effort to seek out the soft underbelly of organized labor for the purpose of opening a general offensive against all unions involved directly or indirectly in price fixing."

The union is demanding that the Justice Department "stop trying to put over the biggest fish story in history and go back to protecting the people and small business from true-life trusts and monopolies."

It was recalled here that Attorney General Clark admitted last week the Justice Department had not at that time undertaken to investigate charges that the big packers had conspired to keep meat off the market and to raise prices.

The CIO Fishermen point to the similarities of their economic position and the farmers call attention to the government policy of support prices to farmers. During the war government policy guaranteed minimum prices in the fish industry to achieve maximum production.

Minimum prices have become the most important point in West Coast union agreements to prevent starvation rates that had prevailed for many years.

Although the Justice Department's anti-trust division claims the fishermen are "independent businessmen" and subject to the anti-trust laws, the union counters with evidence to show the men involved work on small boats for 18 hours a day to earn \$3,000 a year.

Rep. Schuyler (D-Va.), chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, has asked Attorney General Clark to delay prosecution of the indictments because it may lead to a "serious disruption of fish production." He said clarifying legislation would be introduced at the next session of Congress.

## Boycott Franco Goods

MEXICO CITY (ALN).—Organized labor has made plans to tighten its boycott against all merchandise moving to or from Spain.

At a conference attended by representatives of the Mexican Federation of Labor, numerous national unions and anti-Franco organizations, a commission headed by delegates of longshoremen, communications workers, public worker, electrical workers, railwaymen and customs workers was appointed to insure enforcement of the boycott.

## COAST TO COAST

PHILADELPHIA.—Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., first Negro Congressman from the East, whose efforts to better conditions for the Negro people have won him nation-wide recognition, will speak on Nov. 24, at 120 N. 18th St., auspices of the Forum of the Philadelphia School.

Minister, author, educator and editor-in-chief of The People's Voice, Adam Clayton Powell will speak on "Race Hate—or Reason" and will present an authoritative analysis of America's shameful race problem.

CLEVELAND.—Joseph Pales' famous radio band will be the feature of The Turkey Club's Dinner and Dance at 7A Ball Room of the West Side Hungarian Home, 4309 Lorain Ave., Thursday, Nov. 21. Other features of the affair will be a playlet produced by The Progressive Players and the raffling of 50 turkeys ready for the roasters.

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# In this corner

Reader Rates Doc Over Motley

By Bill Mardo

A BRONX READER challenges our recent column in the one-star edition of The Worker which dealt with this theme motif: Who's the greatest fullback now — Doc Blanchard or Marion Motley? Actually we gave the floor to Cleveland coach Paul Brown who sided with his Negro star because of his greater speed. Our slight observation also favored Motley over the great Doc if only for his longer experience. Something which generally gives any standout play-for-pay griddle an edge over any All-American who is still learning the game in collegiate competition.

But no, t'aint so, says Bronxite Dick Kaplan and here's his argument red-hot from yesterday's mail-bag:

"Dear Bill:

"Dig in and prepare to hold your lines because you've got a fight on your hands concerning your rating Marion Motley over Felix Blanchard of Army. As a steady fast Army fan I am quite sure that Doc is the best fullback in football today and possibly one of the greatest of all time. When you mention Blanchard it's unwise to think only in terms of running ability—because according to Steve Owen, Clark Shaughnessy and Ed McKeever, Blanchard is Mr. It as far as line crackers go. These coaches are, in my humble opinion, less biased in their judgment than Paul Brown, who will naturally side with his athletes.

"First of all, the subject of speed is not in Motley's favor. As you say, Doc Blanchard is a fine sprinter and what's even more important, he has terrific mule velocity—generates awesome power even before hitting the line of scrimmage. I doubt that Motley has this drive—few have. Once in the open, big Felix is an expert broken-field traveler, changing directions with amazing dexterity for a big man, and making good use of every inch of turf. I admit that in all of the above material, the battle is close, close enough for a good dispute. However, now we come to the other tasks of a T formation fullback, that of paving the way for his mates and disposing of enemy ball carriers. It's here that the Army All-Everything forges ahead. Can Motley do the artistic blocking job that Doc performs with such regularity? Is Motley the capable pass defender that is Doc Blanchard? Can Motley go get those long aeriels like his Cadet rival? I think not. Besides his full-back chores, Doc is a fine runner to the outside and has proven so on numerous occasions. I don't believe Motley does any effective toting around that ends or through the tackles on the famed T formation cut-back play.

"I don't deny Motley's greatness, but I do claim that Blanchard, despite his comparative inexperience, is the best all-around line cracker in the business today. Let's hope for the best of luck for both boys. They deserve it.

"Sincerely, RICHARD KAPLAN."

Well, Dick, it seems to us that you ask and answer a lot of questions in slightly one-sided fashion. You're right in saying speed alone isn't sufficient cause to give Motley the nod over Blanchard. Fact is, Paul Brown mentioned Motley's foot flying as only one asset for rating him over the pile-driving Army fullback. But it certainly stands to reason that any man who leads the All-America Conference in ground-gaining, as Motley did last time we saw the tabulations, must have more than just speed. Both Motley and Blanchard are similarly talented in their ability to swivel-hip, cut and switch speed in split-second bursts. But you're going slightly overboard in questioning Motley's defensive acumen. As a matter of fact, the night Cleveland came into town to meet the Yankees it was Motley's great defensive play that distinguishes him. The rain-drenched field limited his and everyone else's running opportunities—but when it came to cracking the Yankee carriers down to earth, brother, that was something to see.

You are also mistaken, Dick, in opining that Motley doesn't do any effective running around the ends. You don't think his tremendous yardage total has been garnered solely by bucking the middle time and again, do you? If that were the case, where would the element of surprise be, and wouldn't the other teams of the A.A. loop have learned to pile up on Motley if he was used only in formalized backs through the center of the line? Motley, in conjunction with colleagues Otto Graham and Edgar Jones, is called on for the same variety of running plays expected of a Blanchard in operating with Davis and Ug Fuson.

Our opinion, in summing up, is: Doc Blanchard can receive no higher praise than to be compared with the finest ground-gainer in the vastly tougher pro league. But to pit the good Doc against a man rated with the best of the more experienced professionals, is slightly unfair to Blanchard himself. Just to compare the quality of line-men Motley has to buck against, as opposed to the still-green college defensemen that Blanchard spills left and right—is enough to prove a point.

But as you say, Dick, best of luck for both. They're wonders.

## LABOR GYM THURSDAY

The Labor Sports Gym Program gets underway with a bang Thursday night at 7 o'clock at Seward Park High School. That night the shoeworkers, NMU'ers, UOPWA and UE unionists report to the gym for the inaugural workout.

Under the supervision of instructors Mannie Widroff and Joe Lillard, the unionists will go

through their paces with basketball, volley-ball, calisthenics, badminton and swimming.

LABOR SPORTS FEDERATION yesterday announced that any New York union member is invited to attend, free of charge, the Seward Park opener on Wednesday. You can get a workout on the house that night. The gym session will last from 7-10.

## SPORTS

# What's with the Rose Bowl Deal?

If you can stand a lot of ifs: It's either Illinois or Army to meet UCLA in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day in football's big traditional. If Illinois beats Northwestern Saturday to cop the Big 9 championship that is. And if UCLA knocks off USC the same day. They both should, but these are old traditions and you know how they often go.

Army is in the picture for the first time, reportedly ready to OK a bid from the Bowl of Roses Committee after years of abstaining from post season frays. The reason for the change of heart? There's a recruiting drive going on and the big brass figures the wonderful football team "Army" would help

the campaign along with a spectacular Rose Bowl appearance—and win.

But the Big 9, which is the Western Conference, has just signed a five year contract to send its champion to the Bowl, so nobody is sure whether Army will squeeze in before that contract takes place or not.

And Illinois, with Buddy Young and Julie Rykovich running, would be plenty of competition just the same, though UCLA probably would be favored on its cleaner record.

# 'Best Player' Leads Hopeful LIU Five

(This is the first of a series of articles on the local college basketball teams.)

By Lester Rodney

Clair Bee is back at the little school in Brooklyn called Long Island University which became known the length and breadth of the land before the war for the excellence of its basketball teams.

Where Bee buzzes you'll generally find:

1. A mighty good team, with at least one exceptional set shot artist.
2. A lot of big, big men.
3. Enthusiasm for his boys.

The first and third are represented in Clair's flat statement, "Jackie Goldsmith is the greatest basketball player in the world today. Surely he is the best I've ever had at LIU."

They do tell me—I wasn't around last season—that Jackie is one of the most phenomenal shotmakers ever seen in New York. The records show an LIU record of 395 points rung up in the '45-'46 campaign, but then LIU usually plays a big schedule well padded with setups, so we'll have to see with our own eyes.

With this wow who is presumably better than Schechtman, Torgoff, Bender, King, Bromberg and

other LIU wonderboys of past years, go three returned vets and one freshman who is also a vet.

The returnees rounding out the tentative first team are:

1. Big Dick Holub, 6 foot 5 pivot who last played in '43. He's 25, solid, matured and should be top center in our metropolitan circles.
2. Ed Kassler, 6-3, a rugged customer who is handy around the backboards, fairly fast and a good feeder.
3. Hank Baletti, 6-3, was also on the '43 team, and while in service played some fast ball. He's a good scorer and has drive and poise.
4. Freshman Nathan Miller, who comes from the Brooklyn Automotive School. Only 5-8 he has impressed with his speed, hustle and zeal for the game.

Two holdovers from last year's team, which won 15 and lost 9, Verdeschi and Toloff, are slated for heavy reserve duty, as is returned

## EVENING

6:00-WNBC-Kenneth Banghart, News  
WOR-Frank Kingdom, Comments  
WJZ-News; Kiernan's Corner  
WCBS-News; Harry Marble  
WMCA-News; Music  
WQXR-News; Music to Remember  
6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America  
WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews  
WJZ-Ethel and Albert  
WABC-You and Alcohol-Talk  
6:25-WQXR-Here, There in New York  
6:30-WOR-News-Fred Vandevanter  
WJZ-Allen Prescott-Talk  
WCBS-Sports-Red Barber  
WMCA-Racing Results  
WQXR-Dinner Concert  
6:40-WNBC-Sports-Bill Stern  
6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas, News  
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax  
WJZ-Morey Amsterdam  
WCBS-Robert Trout, News  
WMCA-Sports Resume  
7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety  
WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comments  
WJZ-Headline Edition  
WCBS-Mystery of the Week  
WMCA-News; Music  
WQXR-News; Celebrity Hall  
7:15-WNBC-News of the World  
WOR-The Answer Man  
WJZ-Elmer Davis, News  
WCBS-Jack Smith Show  
WMCA-Five-Star Final  
7:30-WNBC-Hollywood Theatre  
WOR-Arthur Hale  
WJZ-Boston Blackie Play  
WCBS-To Be Announced  
WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh  
WQXR-Recorded Rarities

## RADIO

7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt  
WMCA-Swing Orchestra  
WJZ-J. Steel  
8:00-WNBC-Rudy Vallee Show  
WOR-Michael Shayne-Sketch  
WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner  
WCBS-Big Town-Sketch  
WMCA-News; U. N. Rebroadcast  
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall  
8:15-WJZ-Earl Godwin, News  
8:30-WNBC-A Date With Judy-Comedy  
WOR-The Falcon-Sketch  
WJZ-The O'Neills-Play  
WCBS-Mel Blanc Show  
WMCA-Business Forum  
8:55-WCBS-Bill Henry, News  
9:00-WNBC-Amos 'n' Andy  
WOR-Gabriel Heatter  
WJZ-Echoes of New York  
WCBS-Vox Pop Show  
WMCA-News; Background for Peace  
WQXR-News; Concert Hall  
9:05-WAAT (970 Kc.)-Labor Views News  
UE-CIO  
9:15-WOR-Real Stories  
9:30-WNBC-Pibber McGee and Molly  
WOR-American Forum  
WJZ-Boston Symphony Orchestra—  
Dr. Serge Koussevitzky, Conductor  
WCBS-Hollywood Players  
WMCA-New World A-Coming

WQXR-Eugene Ormandy Conducts  
10:00-WNBC-Bob Hope Show  
WCBS-Arthur Godfrey Show  
WMCA-News; Footlight Revue  
WQXR-News; Recorded Album  
10:15-WOR-Upton Close  
10:30-WNBC-WNBC-Red Skelton Show  
WOR-The Symphonette  
WJZ-Bob Elson, Interviews  
WCBS-Open Hearing  
WQXR-Just Music  
10:45-WJZ-37th Annual Meeting of American Inst. of Chemical Engineers  
11:00-WNBC, WOR-News  
WJZ-News; Music; Talk  
WCBS-News; Music  
WMCA-News; Band Box  
WQXR-News; Symphony Hour  
11:30-WNBC-Your United Nations  
12:00-WNBC, WCBS-News; Music  
WJZ, WOR-News; Music  
WMCA-News; Music  
WQXR-News Reports

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By John Hudson Jones

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## Boot-Out Bilbo Affair

The New York Committee of the Southern Negro Youth Congress yesterday announced a "Boot-Out-Bilbo" ball to be held at the Savoy Ballroom, Friday night, Nov. 29.

Miss Adele Russell, Executive Secretary of the New York Committee, who attended the recent Southern Youth Legislature at Columbia, South Carolina, in announcing the affair, said, "After seeing the determination expressed by the 1,000 Negro and white delegates to rid the South of its evils we are going to do our utmost to aid their fight and to make it a successful one."

Canada Lee, star of the "Duchess of Malfia" and Ray Lev, concert pianist, are co-chairmen of the sponsoring committee. Joining them as sponsors are Thelma Dale of the National Negro Congress; Freda Diamond, Robert Gwathmey, Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Rev. Jack R. McMichael, Winifred Norman, American Youth for Democracy, Rev. Ben Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shorter, Ferdinand Smith, National Maritime Union, Mrs. Alice Holdship Ware and others.

The proceeds from the ball will go to the SNYC to send a delegation to Washington when Congress convenes. This delegation will carry the resolutions from the Youth Legislature one of which calls for the removal of Secretary of State Byrnes.

Tickets may be secured at 307 Lenox Ave., Room 204, or by calling MO. 2-4535.

## Autograph Album Of So. African Songs

Josef Marais and Miranda will autograph their new 'Decca' Album of Songs of the South African Veld at the Greenwich Music Shop, 75 Greenwich Ave. (Opposite Sheridan Theatre), tonight (Tuesday) at 7:30.

## BRIEFS

The *Battle of Bedford Lane*, a story of blind prejudice and neighbor against neighbor, will be dramatized on WMCA's "New World A-Coming" tonight, Tuesday, 9:30 to 10:00 p.m. An original radio play by John Farley, the program will be directed by Joseph Gottlieb. The *Battle of Bedford Lane* is dramatized against a typical American suburban background—a quiet, friendly neighborhood, which is suddenly disrupted by bigotry when a Negro family moves in. The fight of hate against tolerance is presented here as a conflict between members of the same family, reflecting in a concentrated form the impact of racialism on the broad canvas of democracy.

A series of showcase performances of one-act topical plays will be produced the evenings of Dec. 1 and 7 at the Cherry Lane Theatre on 38 Commerce St., Manhattan, by Stage for Action, Inc. The program includes *You're Next* by Arthur Miller, *All Aboard* by Ben Bengal, *Open Secret* by Bob Adler and George Belak and *The Soldier Who Became a Great Dane* by Joseph Shore.

Alex Leith, director of Stage for Action, states that showcase entertainment was designed to accomplish a three-fold purpose; to encourage and develop progressive theatre; to revive shorter play forms; and, to provide opportunity for new authors, directors and writing talent. *You're Next*, directed by Paul Gordon deals with civil liberties in a small town while *All Aboard*, under the direction of Gene Frankel, concerns discrimination against the Negro. *Open Secret* which is directed by Brett Warren is a startling treatment of the atom bomb. This is followed by a satire on army redtape, *The Soldier Who Became a Great Dane*. Directed by Irwin Steiner. The plays are already in rehearsal.



Jose Ferrer, star and producer of 'Cyrano de Bergerac' which moved to the Barrymore Theatre on Monday.

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—LOUIS LANDE.

## Documentary Films At the Provincetown

Last showings of three documentary films on social, economic and political problems and three art and musical films from four countries will take place Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 5:30, 7:20, 9:20 p.m. at the Provincetown Playhouse off Washington Square.

Presented by Ope World Film Association the program includes *Deadline for Action*, the CIO picture on current issues; *The Color of a Man*, first film on race discrimination produced by a church organization; *Glass Bell*, French film against the "unpolitical" I-don't-care attitude; also a color picture on modern French-Canadian artists, a visual interpretation of music by Chopin, and unusual cartoons illustrating French folk songs.

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## Music in Review

By ROBERT CLAIBORNE

Blues at Midnight, the first of People's Songs' four "Midnight Special" concerts, drew an enthusiastic reception from a packed house at Town Hall last week. The program featured

Sidney Bechet on clarinet and tenor sax, Pete Johnson, boogie-woogie star of Cafe Society, Sonny Terry on the harmonica, "Big Bill" Broome and Brownie McGhee, blues singers, Billy Thompson on bass and, as an added attraction, "Stick" McGhee and his "Gold Tub" band.

Though ostensibly supposed to explain the what and why of blues, the music was far superior to the explanations, the only serious criticism being that there was too little of it.

Johnson drew a fine hand for his three numbers, especially for *Four O'Clock Blues*. The unquestioned star of the evening, however, was Bechet. This was no reflection on the other performers, but simply a tribute to Bechet's well-known and terrific talents.

Broome provided another high point to the evening with his song "If you're white, you're all right, and if you're brown, stick around, but if you're black, brother, get back!" His guitar work, however, suffered by comparison with Brownie McGhee's. Sonny Terry was fine, as usual.

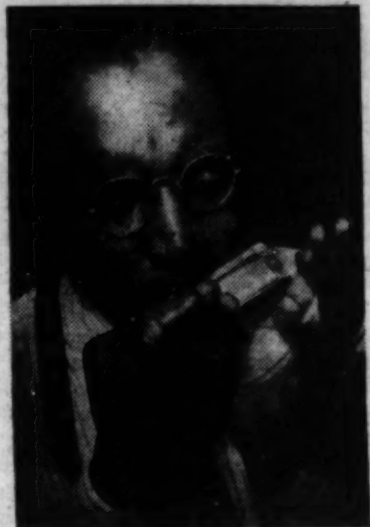
"Stick" McGhee, Brownie's brother, added a note of novelty with his band, consisting of guitar, washtub—broomstick-and-twine (serving as bass) and a washboard with skillet, headlight and pot-lid attachments providing a rhythm section. The result, however, while adequate was more interesting as a curiosity than as music.

Alan Lomax's commentary, while serving to tie the program together, added little else, but little else was needed. The program, running considerably less than two hours, seemed to this reviewer extraordinarily short. Though the purist might question whether everything presented was in fact "folk music," it was with few exceptions, fine music.

Unlike most schools, Music and Art High School does not restrict its musical material to the banal and hackneyed choral arrangements of school song books. They have made good use, not only of the classics but of considerable contemporary material.

In the latter vein was last Friday's performance by the school orchestra and chorus of *A Tooth for Paul Revere*, a "musical folk-tale" by Elie Siegmeister with lyrics by Hy Zaret, based on a story by Stephen Vincent Benet. Written especially for high school groups, the work is in fact a sort of modern secular cantata, combining solo and choral sections with pagantry.

The school orchestra, though naturally not quite up to professional standards, performed more than adequately, as did the chorus. The solo voices, though musical and



SONNY TERRY

well-trained, showed a tendency toward indistinct enunciation.

Unfortunately, this reviewer cannot give comparable praise to the work itself. Like all of Siegmeister's works it was melodious and musically sound, but totally lacking in the spirited quality one would expect of a work dealing with the American revolution. Exciting historical events should be depicted in colors more vivid than pastels.

Zaret's lyrics, except for a few unfortunate lapses, seemed adequate. The collaborators, however, made the mistake of assigning most of their narrative passages to the chorus, with the result that both the lyrics and the thread of the rather thin story were often lost.

## Jewish Folk Singers Group

The Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order announces the formation of Jewish Folk Singers, the first compact, mobile group, to bring Jewish folk and work songs to the people.

The new organization will study and perform (individually and in small groups) old East European Yiddish folk songs of a century ago, modern Hebrew Palestinian songs, Soviet Yiddish folk songs, American Yiddish songs, as well as the courageous Partisan songs born during World War II. Address applications for auditions to E. N. Rymer, National Youth Director, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO, 80 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 11.

## Burl Ives At Town Hall

Burl Ives, the wayfarin' stranger, whose concert at Town Hall last year broke all records for attendance, will make his only personal appearance in New York City this year at Town Hall Music at Midnight concert on Saturday evening, Dec. 14, at 11:30 p.m.

## 3rd Big Week!

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## Verdict Awaited In Retrial of Two Tennessee Negroes

By Harry Raymond

COLUMBIA, Tenn., Nov. 18. — An all-white Maury County jury began consideration late today of the case of William Pillow and Lloyd Kennedy, young Negroes charged with attempt to commit murder during disturbances last February growing out of an attempted lynching.

District Attorney Paul F. Bumpus, badly shaken by a Lawrence County jury's action more than a month ago in freeing 23 of the first 25 Negro defendants, demanded a maximum sentence of 21 years for the two.

Kennedy, a 21-year-old bootblack, and Pillow, 38-year-old stone mason, both denied from the witness stand they shot and wounded state highway patrolman Ray Austin Feb. 26, when law officers rampaged into the "Mink Slide" Negro business district.

They testified they and not the patrolmen were fired on as they crouched, terror-stricken, on the floor of the barber shop of Sol Blair, defendant freed in the first trial.

Pillow and Kennedy said they had no guns and therefore could not have shot. Highway patrolmen, they declared, rushed in on them, slugged and arrested them after

pouring more than 100 shots from tommy guns into the shop.

Former Sheriff J. J. Underwood and seven-foot Highway Patrol Sergeant Gregg O'Rear testified they seized shotguns from the defendants.

The guns, they said, were stored in the county jail, but when defense counsel Z. Alexander Looby demanded the guns be produced in court, the sheriff declared he could not locate them.

An atmosphere of brazen frame-up surrounded the entire case. The District Attorney placed great stress on a statement alleged to have been made by Pillow after the latter's arrest. The statement, which Pillow refused to sign and later repudiated, quoted him as saying Kennedy was armed with a shotgun when the two were hiding in the shop.

They went into the shop seeking safety when they heard shots fired and learned a lynch mob was on the prowl searching for James Stephenson, Negro Navy veteran, and his mother.

### DEFENSE OVERRULED

The trial moved swiftly after a "special" jury of so-called leading citizens was in the box last Thursday. Circuit Court Judge Joe M. Ingram kept shouting at defense lawyers Looby, Thurgood Marshall and Maurice M. Weaver, counsel for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, to "hurry along."

All major defense objections to what they called unfair conduct of the District Attorney were quickly overruled by the court. The most serious clash came when defense lawyer Marshall demanded that the alleged statement of Pillow be stricken from the record.

The Judge let Bumpus read it to the jury. Marshall charged it was introduced as a "confession" without being legally substantiated. Ingram's only answer was: "Objection overruled."

Before the case went to the jury, two white Columbia businessmen took the stand in behalf of Pillow, declaring him to be a good workman with a good reputation for peace and quiet. They were Clifford Parsons, clothing merchant, and Paul E. Carlton, auto dealer.

Seventy-six-year-old Julius Blair, Negro community leader who was freed in the Lawrenceburg trial, was a character witness for Kennedy.

District Attorney Bumpus took advantage of Kennedy, who had only three years of schooling, by bullying him and confusing him with language he did not understand. At one point, Judge Ingram joined in the bullying, scolding the young Negro in the presence of the jury when he indicated he did not understand the prosecutor's statement and questions.



BILBO  
Faces New Probe

## Marcantonio Subpenaed By Grand Jury

Rep. Vito Marcantonio (D-ALP) was subpoenaed yesterday to appear this afternoon before a New York County Grand Jury investigating the election day death of Joseph R. Scottoriggio.

At his home, Rep. Marcantonio said he planned to appear before the Grand Jury despite an illness which has confined him to bed for the past few days.

Scottoriggio, who was attacked in the Eighteenth congressional district, died last week. His death has become the center of attempts to smear the progressive congressman.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan joined in the chorus of "political motive" hunters yesterday when he said "everything" pointed to such a possibility in Scottoriggio's death.

Four men are now being held as material witnesses, two under \$250,000 bail, in city jail. They are Dominick Petrone, William Donaghy, Joey Rao and Michael Coppola.

## Jimmy Walker Dies at 65



James J. Walker, Mayor of New York during the Prohibition era, died at 6:25 last night at Doctors' Hospital, where he had been taken yesterday after a blood clot formed on his brain. He was 65.

## AFRA Talks With Networks Stalemated

A threatened strike of radio performers, including top-flight comedians, singers and announcers, seemed imminent yesterday when negotiations between the four major networks and the American Federation of Radio Artists broke up without progress.

## WEATHER

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## New Senate Inquiry To Probe Bilbo On War Contract Bribes

By Fred Vast

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D-Miss) became the target of a second congressional inquiry today when chairman Harley Kilgore (D-W Va) of the Senate War Investigating Committee announced the group would begin closed hearings here Wednesday.

Bilbo, an admitted Ku Klux Klan member, has been accused of accepting a \$25,000 gift and a couple of dream houses built on artificial lakes by grateful war contractors in 1942.

"The hearing is being held to decide whether there was any improper conduct regarding war contracts," Kilgore explained.

"This has nothing to do with passing on Bilbo's eligibility for a Senate seat." Although Kilgore said it will be up to the subcommittee conducting the hearings whether it will hold public hearings, he indicated there would be open sessions.

Headed by Sen. James Mead (D-NY), the subcommittee includes James Tunnell (D-Del) and Homer Ferguson (R-Mich). Committee investigators who have been looking into the Bilbo scandal since last summer will report to the closed hearing, as will a number of unidentified witnesses.

Capitol observers expressed confidence the inquiry would be thorough and complete because of the committee's personnel and its record in investigating other war scandals.

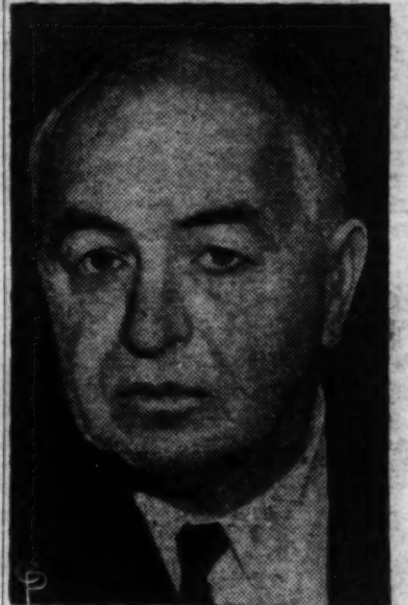
### OUSTER HEARING

Bilbo is already under investigation by the Senate campaign expenditures committee, which has slated open hearings for Jackson, Miss., beginning Dec. 2.

Basis of the southern hearings is a petition by the Civil Rights Congress charging the poll tax Senator was elected through fraud, intimidation of Negroes and constitutional violations. Accompanying the petition are affidavits and photostats obtained in an on-the-spot probe.

Welcoming the Mississippi sessions, Milton Kaufman, executive director of the Civil Rights Congress, declared: "We are convinced the charges will be fully substantiated, provided witnesses are assured the fullest federal protection."

Allen J. Ellender (D-La) ex-



KILGORE  
Heads Craft Inquiry

chairman of the campaign expenditures committee is reported to have said the Mississippi hearings would cause violence and death.

While progressives see an opportunity for obtaining a greater array of witnesses to testify at hearings in Mississippi rather than Washington because of the expense element, they are insisting there must be full protection for citizens appearing at the sessions.

Ellender said out-of-staters would be excluded because "We don't want the whole nation in Mississippi."

## Just One Wife To a Customer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (UP). — The Supreme Court today ruled the "celestial marriages" of a group of Utah fundamentalists violated the Mann Act, which prohibits white slavery.

The government charged six Utahans with transporting women across state lines for immoral purposes.

## LOUISIANA CP LEADER FACES TRIAL WEDNESDAY

By Emanuel Levin

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 18.—Charges of criminal mischief against James E. Jackson Jr., chairman, Louisiana State Committee of the Communist Party, were dropped and the one thousand dollar bond refunded.

The charge of disorderly conduct placed against him when he called for police protection will be tried on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Jackson and sixteen others were fined \$20 each when arrested at the Communist Party meeting which was broken up on Nov. 7.

The cases are being appealed by Attorneys James I. McCain, New Orleans and Louis Fleisher of New York. Professor Harold N. Lee of Tulane University, chairman of the Louisiana Society for the Protection of Constitutional Rights, is also on record appealing the case through its attorneys, Mr. George Dreyfus and Mr. Henry Midlo.

Thirty three others who were peacefully attending the meeting

have been fined \$2.50 each while 71 SIU members were dismissed because the arresting officer who testified against the others did not appear in court against them. Five of six known leaders of the SIU who were originally charged with inciting the riot are now charged with breach of the peace to be arraigned Dec. 18.

The sixth union leader who is reported as wanted by the Port Arthur, Texas police for violence against the National Maritime Union and who has no New Orleans address was dropped altogether.

A local defense committee is being organized to defend the right of the Communist Party to hold meetings and for the defense of Jackson.

## Ah, GOP Science!

By Alan Max

Senator Styles Bridges assures us that the GOP "economies" will not be done by a sledgehammer but by a "scientific survey of needs."

This means that when it comes to the needs of the people, the GOP will use a telescope—but will look through the wrong end.